



A National Lutheran Community

**To:** All Residents, Families and Team Members

**From:** Kyle Hreben, Executive Director

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**Subject:** Path Forward Update

## Memorandum

As we continue to move through our Path Forward at The Village at Rockville, it is still amazing to experience the encouragement and engagement of residents, team members and families.

From our early March notifications of procedural changes due to COVID-19, we have shared that guidance and regulations are provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as well as our state and local health departments. We stay in very close communication with both the Montgomery County Department of Health and Maryland Department of Health, as they provide specific regulations to our community, such as our universal testing requirements.

Of the last three weekly universal team member tests, we have had one asymptomatic team member test positive for the coronavirus each week, including the testing that took place this week. Because of this, we have had to extend the timeline to September 28 in which we can apply for moving back to Phase 1. As a reminder, Phase 1 allows us to provide small group resident engagement opportunities and communal dining. We continue to offer individual engagement opportunities with our ConnectedLiving team, and we are also able to continue our outdoor visits with family with Patio Visits.

Earlier this week, CMS provided global guidance to nursing homes for in-person indoor visitation. Currently, The Village at Rockville is not eligible for indoor visitation until after we re-enter Phase 1 and additional guidance is provided by the state and county. In the meantime, we are reviewing our operating protocols to ensure that we can maintain the required infection control precautions, including adequate supply of personal protection equipment, to best protect residents and team members when offering indoor visitation.

In other community happenings, we have a few things to share:

- Our Long-term Care residents elected their Resident Council president and vice president this week, which included their campaign videos being aired over Channel 975. Their bios were read during our monthly Resident Council meeting on Tuesday, September 15.
- All applications for the mail in ballots have been sent in and accepted through the Montgomery County nursing home program.
- We welcomed back two of our history lecturers, Joan Adams and Dr. Robert Jenner for two different interactive lectures using Microsoft Teams.
- Our IL community officially celebrated the re-alignment of their cottage clusters on Thursday with an ice cream social in each cluster.
- Our partnership with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at John Hopkins University began their virtual classes via Zoom on Monday, September 14. This semester's course is on Islam 101 with Haytham Younis.

As I shared many times, we are grateful for your support and confidence as we navigate through these times.

For reference:

Path Forward [www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward](http://www.thevillageatrockville.org/pathforward)

COVID-19 Dashboard [www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-dashboard/](http://www.thevillageatrockville.org/covid-19-dashboard/)

Patio Visits [www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvisits](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvisits)

Virtual Visits [www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/tvarvirtualvisits)